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1. AS INSTRUCTED, CAHRGE DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF UAE DIPL AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATION FEB 3 WITH MIN OF STATE GHUBASH. AS ALWAYS, MIN MOST COOPERATIVE AGREEING WITH POSITION OF DEPT THAT SINCE UAE TO OPEN EMB VERY SOON IN WASH, REQUIREMENT FOR UAE/UN MISSION TO BE GRANTED CONSULAR AUTHORITY NO LONGER NECESSARY. GHUBASH ACCEPTED FULLY RATIONALE THAT ONLY UNDER MOST EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD DIPLOMATS ASSIGNED TO UN BE ACCREDITED AS CONSULAR OFFICERS TOO, SINCE TWO ROLES BASICALLY INCOMPATIBLE.

2. GHUBASH WELCOMED OUR SUGGESTION THAT UAEG INCLUDE CONSULAR SECTION

AS PART OF ITS WASH EMB AND HE WILL ISSUE APPROPRIATE IMPLEMENTING

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INSTRUCTIONS. HE DISAGREED WITH VIEW EXPRESSED TO DEPT

BY MISSION OFFHKKER TAJIR THAT IT MORE IMPORTANT FOR CONSULAR FUNCTION TO BE LOCATED IN NEW YORK. FOR TIME BEING, BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL DEFICIENCIES, GHUBASH RULED OUT ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE CONSULATE IN NY, ALTHOUGH HE SAID, FOR FUTURE IT LOGICAL THAT UAEG SHOULD CONSIDER OPENING CONSULATES BOTH IN NY AND ON WEST COAST. IN TERMS OF PRIORITIES, GHUBASH SAID HE MORE ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH FULLY-STAFFED COMMERCIAL SECTION AS PART OF WASH EMBASSY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM OTHER MFA SOURCES THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSY AT CHARGE LEVEL MAY BE ONLY FOR BRIEF PERIOD AS THERE CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT WITHIN UAEG FOR EARLY ASSIGNMENT OF RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN DIPL POST GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGES WILL LIKELY DEVELOP INTO ITS MOST IMPORTANT ONE.

4. CHARGE ALSO DISCREETLY INQUIRED OF GHUBASH ABOUT REPORT (REF B) THAT OMANI PRINCESS NOW NATURALIZED US CITIZEN, HAD BEEN APPROACHED TO BE "ABU DHABI AMBASSADOR" IN WASH. GHUBASH UTTERLY AMAZED AND AMUSED BY REPORT WHICH HE PROMISED TO QUIETLY INVESTIGATE. HE DID REVEAL THAT SHAIKHA AL-MISK JI IS PROBABLY MEMBER OF FAMILY EXILED FROM ZANZIBAR WHICH IS BEING SUPPORTED BY ADG. (NOTE: BOTH AD AND DUBAI ARE SUPPORTING SEVERAL HUNDRED ZANZIBARI REFUGEES) TO BEST OF GHUBASH'S KNOWLEDGE, PART OF AL-MISKARI FAMILY TO WHOM SUBJECT BELONGS, HAS NOT RESIDED IN RECENT GENERATIONS IN OMAN PROPER. GHUBASH ASSURED CHARGE THAT HE NOT AWARE OF ANY OVERTURES BY UAE OR ADG TO MRS HASE FOR HER OR ANY MEMBER OF AL-MISKARI FAMILY TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY KIND IN US. HE STRESSED SEPARATE REPRESENTATION ABROAD BY ABU DHABI WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH MEMBERSHIP IN SOVEREIGN UAE. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID IT EXTRAEMELY UNLIKELY IN SOCIETY, STILL MALE-DOMINATED, AND HAVING ONLY FEW EDUCATED FEMALES, THAT NON-NATIVE WOMAN WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR UAE DIPL POST ABROAD.

GHUBASH FULLY CONSIDERATE OF CAVEAT IN CHARGE'S PRESENTATION THAT MRS HASE DID NOT WISH IT TO BE KNOWN IN UAE THAT SHE HAD APPROACHED USG FORMALLY ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, HE ASKED IF USG MIGHT DISCREETLY DETERMINE FROM HASE FAMILY WHO IN OR OUT OF GOVT HERE MAY HAVE APPROACHED MRS HASE OFFERING HER DIPL ASSIGNMENT IN US.

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